

Kathleen Lu
1732 California St.
Berkeley CA 94703

Sep 5th 2018

Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Consumers desperately need more competition in the broadband market. Even in Berkeley, CA, a well-off urban area, I have been stuck with terrible choices for the last 12 years. Comcast cable is expensive and has awful customer service, but is relatively faster, whereas AT&T is slow. Finally, this year, new fiber laid down by Sonic is coming to my neighborhood. I have been eagerly awaiting this moment for two years, and pre-registered for services.

While the coming fiber connection is good news, it does not mean a truly competitive marketplace. Three choices are good, and 50% better than two choices, but still a very limited number of choices. Certainly in May when USTelecom filed its petition, true competition did not exist in my neighborhood.

Groups like USTelecom do not act in the public interest, only to line their own pocketbooks. It is the FCC's job to curb their greed.

Competitive broadband services are vitally important to Americans as individuals as well as the economy as a whole. I get my news and entertainment from my connection. I also require it in order to work from home on evenings and weekends. My spouse's business, operated from our home, relies on a fast, stable connection.

We need more competition among companies offering this important service, not less. The FCC should deny USTelecom's petition to avoid its obligations under Section 251 of the Communications Act.

Kathleen Lu